Customer Number 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 7040.0023.01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ASSISTANT CON	MISSIONER	FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C.	20231	

Prior Application Examiner: Knable, G. Prior Application Art Unit: 1733

SIR: This is a request for filing a

Continuation Continuation-in-Part Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/219,422, filed December 23, 1998, of Renato CARETTA et al. for A METHOD FOR MAKING TIRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Oath or Declaration and \boxtimes 1. drawings, incorporating changes from previous amendments. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/219,422, as originally filed on December 23, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. 2.
- Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 3. 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
- Cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 21-26
- A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. 5.
- The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior 6. application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$	710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	20	1-1	20	0	x \$18		0.00
Independent Claims	2	1-1	3	0	x \$80	1	0.00
Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$270						 	0.00
Subtotal						\$	710.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity					1-		
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE					\$	710.00	

Findregan, Henderson, FARABOW, GARRETT, A DINNER L.L.P. 300 I STREET, N. W. väshington, DC 20005 202-408-4000

-	7.	\boxtimes	A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
	8.	×.	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
	 9.	\boxtimes	Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:
			-This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/219,422, filed December 23, 1998; additionally, Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on patent application No. 97830731.2, filed December 30, 1997, in the European Patent Office; further, Applicant claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on prior-filed, copending provisional application No. 60/098,376, filed August 28, 1998, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; the contents of both of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference
<u>'</u>	10.		New formal drawings are enclosed.
£i	11.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned of record to: PIRELLI PNEUMATICI S.p.A.
	12.	\boxtimes	Priority of European Patent Application Serial No. 97830731.2, filed on December 30, 1997, in the European Patent Office is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
	.		is enclosed or is on file in the prior application.
	13.		A verified statement claiming small entity status
			is enclosed or is on file in the prior application.
Law offices Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett, 8 Dunner, L. L. P. 1300 I STREET, N. W.	14.		The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695;
1300 I STREET, N. W. WABHINGTON, DC 20005 202-408-4000			Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478;

		David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E.
		Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland, Reg. No. 27,605; Basil J. Lewris,
		Reg. No. 28,818; Martin I. Fuchs, Reg. No. 28,508; E. Robert Yoches, Reg.
		No. 30,120; Barry W. Graham, Reg. No. 29,924; Susan Haberman Griffen, Reg.
		No. 30,907; Richard B. Racine, Reg. No. 30,415; Thomas H. Jenkins, Reg.
		No. 30,857; Robert E. Converse, Jr., Reg. No. 27,432; Clair X. Mullen, Jr., Reg.
		No. 20,348; Christopher P. Foley, Reg. No. 31,354; John C. Paul, Reg.
		No. 30,413; David M. Kelly, Reg. No. 30,953; Kenneth J. Meyers, Reg.
		No. 25,146; Carol P. Einaudi, Reg. No. 32,220; Walter Y. Boyd, Jr., Reg.
		No. 31,738; Steven M. Anzalone, Reg. No. 32,095; Jean B. Fordis, Reg.
		No. 32,984; Roger D. Taylor, Reg. No. 28,992; Barbara C. McCurdy, Reg.
		No. 32,120; James K. Hammond, Reg. No. 31,964; Richard V. Burgujian, Reg.
		No. 31,744; J. Michael Jakes, Reg. No. 32,824; Thomas W. Banks, Reg.
		No. 32,719; Christopher P. Isaac, Reg. No. 32,616; Bryan C. Diner, Reg.
		No. 32,409; M. Paul Barker, Reg. No. 32,013; Andrew Chanho Sonu, Reg.
		No. 33,457; David S. Forman, Reg. No. 33,694; Vincent P. Kovalick, Reg.
		No. 32,867; James W. Edmondson, Reg. No. 33,871; Michael R. McGurk, Reg.
		No. 32,045; Joann M. Neth, Reg. No. 36,363; Gerson S. Panitch, Reg.
		No. 33,751; Cheri M. Taylor, Reg. No. 33,216; Charles E. Van Horn, Reg.
		No. 40,266; Linda A. Wadler, Reg. No. 33,218; Jeffrey A. Berkowitz, Reg.
		No. 36,743; Michael R. Kelly, Reg. No. 33, 921; James B. Monroe, Reg.
		No. 33,971; Doris Johnson Hines, Reg. No. 34,629; Allen R. Jensen, Reg.
		No. 28,224; Lori Ann Johnson, Reg. No. 34,498; and David A. Manspeizer, Reg.
		No. 37,540.
15.		The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
16.	П	Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in
10.	ليا	the prior application is enclosed.
		The state of the s
17.	\boxtimes	Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
		GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-
		3315, Customer Number 22,852.
18.		Recognize as associate attorney
19.	Г	Also enclosed is
17.		Also eliciosed is
PETI	TION I	FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this

Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Carrett, & Dunner, L.L.P. 1300 I street, n. w. washington, dc 20005 202-408-4000

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 09/219,422, filed December 23, 1998, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an

extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

By:

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: April 24, 2001

Lawrence F. Galvin Reg. No. 44,694

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT,

& DUNNER, L. L.P. 1300 I STREET, N. W. WASHINGTON, DC 20005 202-408-4000